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In October 1949 an agreement was concluded between the North China People's Government and the USSR whereby used American automotive equipment in the hands of the People's Government was to be exchanged with the USSR at the rate of one American truck for two trucks of Soviet manufacture. The latter were guaranteed to be either new or in excellent repair, but when delivered they were found to be dilapidated and without spare parts, with the result that only a small fraction of those received were still in operating condition in December 1949. The officials of the Chinese Communist government agency charged with operating the vehicles in question felt that their government had been cheated by the Soviets.

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